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# A Perfect Relation of the most Glorious and Entire Victory obtain'd by the *Christian Army* (under the Command of the D's of *Lorain* and *Bavaria*) over the whole *Turkish Forces* near Darda, Taking all their Baggage and Canon.

*Brought by* Expreſs *to his Excellency the* Spaniſh Embaſſador

*Auguſt the* 20*th.* 1687.

YEſterday Morning arriv'd a *Flanders Male*, which brought no Freſher Letters than the 11*th.* from *Vienna*, there having been that Morning an Extraordinary Courier arriv'd from the *Imperial* Camp, with Advice that the Duke of *Lorrain* was March'd from *Mohaez* towards *Darda*, with full reſolution (conſidering how Important it was to the preſent Juncture of Affairs) by ſome Stratagem or other, to oblige the Prime *Vizier* to a Battle. The ſaid Courier reports, that being a League on his way, Early in the Morning, he heard the Diſcharge of a great many Cannon, and continued Vollies of Muſquets; which gave ſubject to believe, that the two Armies began to Engage. The Gentlemen of Horſe of the Marqueſs *Caſtanaga*, Governour of the *Spaniſh-Netherlands*, arriv'd at the ſame time here, being ſent Expreſs to *Don Pedro de Ronquilio* the *Spaniſh* Ambaſſador, to impart to him the Glorious Victory the *Chriſtian* Army has obtain'd over the whole *Ottoman* Force in *Hungary*, being 80000 Effective Fighting men, being brought to *Bruſſels* by the Gentleman of Horſe of the Marqueſs *Burgamanero* the *Spaniſh* Ambaſſador at *Vienna*, and ſent from his Highneſs the Duke of *Lorrain* by the Prince of *Savoy* to the Emperour, dated from the *Imperial* Army in the *Turkiſh* Camp near *Eſſeck* the 7*th.* of *Auguſt* 1687. Which for the Valour and Conduct of the General, as well as the good of *Chriſtendom*, ſhall give what particulars can at preſent be obtain'd.

His Highneſs the Duke of *Lorrain* having ſince his re-paſſing the *Drave*, reach'd his Bridge of Boats over the *Danube* at *Mohaez*, not thinking the Prime *Vizier* would have abandon'd his ſtrong Retrenchments about *Eſſeck*, was about entring upon the Deſign of Beſieging ſome Strong hold the *Turks* yet poſſeſs in *Hungary*: When Advice was brought him that the whole *Turkiſh* Army, with all their Cannon, Baggage and Attirals of War, paſs'd the *Drave* the 28*th.* of laſt Month, and ſtrongly Encamp'd themſelves near *Darda*: On the 30*th.* the Duke of *Lorrain* held a Council of War, where 'twas reſolv'd, that 'twas abſolutely neceſſary to preſerve their Conqueſt, to return, and Fight the Enemy, if they could be poſſibly drawn to accept it; and ſecret methods were among the Generals Concerted, how to induce the *Turks* to quit their Encampment, and Fight on equal Terms. The Duke made a preſent Detatchment of 8000 Horſe to cover *Sycloſs* and *Five-Churches* from the Inſults of the Enemy, which lay moſt Expos'd, and ſo leaving his heavy Baggage behind him at *Mohaez* Muſter'd his Army,

which did not much exceed 40000 Men; the next day March'd towards the Enemy with easy Journeys, not too much to Fateigue his Men, and Skirmishing with some Parties of them in his passage; on the 4th. he came within a League and a half of their Camp, and made Entrenchment, and finding that 'twas impossible to force them from their Post: On the fifth sent a Detachment notwithstanding, to make a shew of Attempting it, who retir'd with some loss to the Camp. In the Night, the Duke of *Lorain* caus'd the Elector of *Bavaria* with a considerable Body of the Army, to draw out of the *Camp*, some one way and others another, as if they were Retreating; which the Prime *Vizier* being advised of by his Spies, and believing (through the disadvantage they were at the day before,) that the *Christian* Army was retiring as they did, when they re-passed the *Drave*, seeing them seperated, by Six the next Morning, the Prime *Vizier*, before they were all Retreated, drew out his Army from their Post, Attacqu'd the *Christian Camp*, thinking to have eat them for a Breakfast; but they Valliantly maintain'd the Fight till almost Noon, before the first Detachment (which was March'd some Miles round) fell in upon their Rear; and soon after, another Body of *Christians* on their Flank, which put them into so great a Consternation, seeing themselves Decoy'd, that they began to give ground, taking their Flight towards *Esseck*, and some Thousands of them driven into the *Drave*, which, through the rapidness of the Stream, were most of them Drown'd; but in some places the Fight was very Obstinate and Bloody, and continued till Ten at Night: But in conclusion, the whole Army was Discomfited, the *Christians* being in a full pursuit after them, they having intirely quitted the Field, leaving all their Cannon, Baggage, and Attirals of War behind them, which is said to be full as Rich as their *Camp* before *Vienna*. The number of the Slain [illegible] computed to be 8000 on the spot, and almost as many Drown'd in the River, besides a good account will be had of the Pursuit, which every Post for some time will bring us more particularly: The *Germans* in this days Action, have so approved themselves for their Valour and Conduct, as they will for ever be dreadful to the *Turks*, and the Success of the Engagement being the *Turks* last Effort, will bring no small Advantage to the Emperour. The *Christian* Army being not wholly return'd from the Pursuit; There is no certain advice of the loss on our side, but as it may be Computed, 700 some think a 1000 may be slain: And we do not as yet miss any Considerable Officer of Note; but few of the *Turks* are made Prisoners, the *Germans* being so Enrag'd for the Action of *Esseck*, as to give no Quarter.

## POSTSCRIPT.

*JUst as this Happy News arriv'd, when the Emperours Affairs were thought to be declining in* Hungary; *we receiv'd the joyful Advice, that the* Venetians *have been also Successful in the* Morea, *General* Morosini *having landed his Army at the mouth of the* Gulph *of* Leponto, *laid Siege to that Fortress, and after some Resistance, made himself Master thereof.*

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